

Application No. 10/520,262
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present Application. Claim 1 has been amended, Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice and Claim 9 is added, leaving Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 for consideration upon entry of the present amendments and following remarks.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 and new Claim 9 is found in the specification, the figures, and the claims as originally filed.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kitagawa et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0054262 A1 (hereinafter "Kitagawa"). Applicants respectfully traverse. Claims 3 and 4 are hereinabove cancelled and rejections are rendered moot for these claims.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Amended Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*,

"the image display part comprising:

- a) a lower polarizing plate for polarizing light,
 - b) a liquid crystal display panel for displaying images by using a polarized light emitted from the lower polarizing plate, and
 - c) an upper polarizing plate disposed on an upper surface of the liquid crystal display panel for polarizing light emitted from the liquid crystal display panel; and
- a protecting part disposed on an outer surface of the image display part perceived by user's eye for protecting a surface of the image display part from an external shock or foreign matters;

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wherein the upper polarizing plate comprises a glare treatment and the protecting part comprises an anti-glare treatment.”

Kitagawa discloses a polarizing plate 1 includes a polarizing film 11 and protection layers 12,13 on one or both sides of the polarizing film, the transparent layer 13 being a compensating plate. (Paragraphs [0016] and [0021].) The protective layer of the polarizing plate is bonded onto the polarizing film. (Paragraph [0056].) A polarizing plate is disposed on one or both sides of a liquid crystal cell. (Paragraph [0059].) One or more optical layers such as an antiglare phase can be used in a state of being bonded and integrated *with* a polarizing plate. (Paragraphs [0061] and [0062].) That is, these optical layers are in addition to the polarizing plate and do not form a part of the polarizing plate of Kitagawa.

Applicants find no disclosure in Kitagawa of the upper polarizing plate comprises a glare treatment and the protecting part comprises an anti-glare treatment of amended Claim 1. To the contrary, Kitagawa only discloses an antiglare phase *in addition to* the polarizing plate. The polarizing plate of Kitagawa does not include an antiglare treatment, let alone a glare treatment of an upper and lower polarizing plate of an image display part.

Additionally, Kitagawa only discloses a protection sheet 12,13 as part of the polarizing plate. Applicants find no disclosure in Kitagawa of a protection sheet on an outer surface of the image display part. Therefore, Kitagawa does not disclose an image display part for displaying an image by varying a voltage applied to electrodes oppositely formed on inner surfaces of a pair of transparent facing substrate respectively to thereby turn on or off each pixel and a protecting part disposed on an outer surface of the image display part perceived by user's eye for protecting a surface of the image display part from an external shock or foreign matters of amended Claim 1.

Thus, Kitagawa fails to disclose all of the limitations of amended Claim 1. Claim 1 is not further rejected or objected and is therefore allowable. Claims 2 and 5-8 variously depend from Claim 1 and are correspondingly allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 2 and 5-8 are respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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